

the Palghat to Pollachi Railway, raising of the loan and kindred matters.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—(6). At what stage were these works when he was appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is very difficult to say at which particular stage this question was.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Were they under consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. They were under consideration.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How were the needs of Chittur and Tattamangalam served?

President.—I think it was shifted a little nearer to Tattamangalam.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No, not an inch.

President.—Our endeavours became fruitless.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It was too late.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Were all questions contained in this, that is, part (6), completely solved?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Do you mean completed by Mr. Damodara Menon? No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the necessity for the appointment? How did his period synchronise with,.....

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There were certain difficult stages at which it was thought necessary to appoint a Special Officer. When these stages were got over, the Special Officer's post was discontinued.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—On what consideration was the deputation allowance fixed?

President.—No particular basis. He was given Rs. 300 as a lump sum, that is all. No principle or standard was adopted in fixing the amount.

233. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what were the reasons for creating the post of the Special Officer for Harbour and Railways;

(2) who was appointed to that;

(3) why was that post abolished on the retirement of Mr. P. Damodara Menon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) A full-timed officer was considered necessary to deal with the important questions arising in connection with the Harbour and Railways.

(2) M. R. Ry., P. Damodara Menon Avl., Devaswam Commissioner.

(3) The necessity for a full-timed officer ceased.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is looking after the work now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Which work?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The work of the Special Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is being looked after by the Chief Engineer and the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is any allowance given to these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When did this contingency arise?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Which contingency?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The necessity for a full-time officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—At the time of the appointment of the Special Officer. It was when the necessity arose that the appointment was made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the appointment made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember the date.

President.—On the first of Chingam 1104.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the idea first proposed in the minds of the Government that a Special Officer was necessary?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It must have been a little before that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know approximately the date? How many days before the appointment was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No record is kept, I fear, as to when exactly this idea arose in the minds of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the earliest paper on the subject?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On which subject?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The appointment of the Special Officer.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We want notice to say which was the earliest record.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he completed all his works?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was already answered to a previous question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he completed all these works?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. The answers were given already.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then how is the Department worked?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That point was answered already in the previous question. There were certain difficult stages, and when these stages were got over, the post of a Special Officer was thought unnecessary, and so it was discontinued.

234. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there was a request by Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, retired Diwan Peishkar for the grant of a duty allowance for the work done by him in connection with Harbour, Railways and allied matters; if so, what were the grounds of the request and what was the reply given to him by the Government;

(b) what were the important matters connected with the above subjects dealt with by him while in office and how long was he in charge of these; what was the important work done by the Special Officer during his 9 months of office;

(c) what was the necessity for the appointment of a Special Officer; how much was spent on the Special Officer by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. His reason was that he was attending to Harbour, Railway and allied matters in addition to his normal duties. His request was recorded.

(b) Such important matters as connected with Venduruthi reclamation, Port limits and Railway development. The Special Officer was attending among others to the above important matters in detail.

(c) It was considered necessary to have these questions dealt with in detail by a full-timed officer. Rs. 8,708-14-0 which includes his pay and T. A.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does this order 'recorded' show that his request was refused? Am I to take it that 'recorded' meant refused?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was refused.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Mr. Damodara Menon was given an allowance. Why was it thought necessary? And why was it that this gentleman was refused the allowance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Damodara Menon was given this allowance because his pay was not equal to the pay of his previous post. And so this allowance was sanctioned temporarily.